QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ferries in the Tiruvalla taluk.

1. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are still ferries in the Tiruvalla taluk where no arrangements have been made to take buses and cars across the river and if so, what is the reason?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Executive Engineer, Trivandrum, in charge of the duties of the Chief Engineer*): Yes. These are mostly in rural areas with no roads on either side or on cross roads connecting main roads or on important roads with little traffic to justify the maintenance of junghar services in them.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Will the honourable member be pleased to say whether Arattukadavu comes under that category?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: There is a junghar service at Arattukadavu.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: When was that service begun?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: About five or six years ago.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether there has been any service in 1116?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: When was the service started this year.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It must be in Edavam.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether there is any junghar service at Cherukolpuzha?

President: I do not hear a word of what is passing between you.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: There is a service there.

Special party to deal with the question of converting private lands through which village roads run into poramboke lands.

2. ***Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any special party has been appointed to deal with the question of converting private lands through which village roads run into poramboke lands; if so, whether they have finished the work?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, in the taluks of Tiruvalla and Pathanamthitta. The work is in progress.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know when the survey work was begun in the Tiruvalla area?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: In 1114.

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Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know why such a long time is being taken even for this partial work?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: In the Tiruvalla taluk there are about 150 miles to be demarcated and in the Pathanamthitta taluk there are about 169 miles to be demarcated.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know whether any remission has taken place after this survey?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar: No, Sir.

District and Munsiffs' Courts, Trivandrum.

3. ***Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the District Courts and Munsiffs' Courts in Trivandrum are housed in thatched, old and ill-ventilated buildings;

(*b*) whether valuable records are ordinarily kept in these buildings;

(*c*) whether the buildings are insured against fire; and

(*d*) whether any steps have being taken to house these courts in suitable buildings?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*). (*a*) All the court houses except the Temporary Second Judge's Court, are housed in thatched buildings some of which are old; but none of them is ill-ventilated.

(*b*) Records are kept in the record room which is tiled. Current records are placed in the respective court houses.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) The question is under consideration.

Mr. James Fletcher: With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know how long the question has been under consideration?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: All that I can say is that it has been under consideration for some time. I cannot say the number of days or months during which it has been under consideration.

Mr. James Fletcher: May I know when he expects to come to a conclusion?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: That relates to future action.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether lawyers experience considerable difficulty on account of the court houses being situated in different parts of the town?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: That is not a supplementary question, Sir.

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